

# THE NORTHWEST PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



*'Government and Private Agencies Working Together for Better Pavements'*

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## Words From The Chair

Well I am not so sure where to start with so many exciting things on the horizons for the N.W.P.M.A. I would like to take this time to give a special thanks to Matt Pietrusiewicz for his year of service as our Chairperson. I feel Matt did a very admirable job the last 12 months and all his efforts were very much appreciated, thank you Matt. I would like to take this time to thank all that were involved with the recently completed successful conference in Yakima. It was great to see so many old friends and colleagues. I was also impressed with so many new faces and first time conference attendees, I think that bodes well for the future of the NWPMA.



The wheels have already been set in motion for next years conference, with 2 organizational meetings having been held in the Portland - Vancouver area. One of my main objectives over the next year will be to be in touch with each and every chapter, I plan on attending at least one meeting at each of the various 6 chapter. So hopefully it will not be a year before I see you all again.

We will be convening an E-board meeting on January 27 to fill our vice-chair and secretary positions along with some other matters. We will be holding the meeting in Olympia and conducting it via tele conference call.

In closing, I would like to see as much input from the association membership in the upcoming year as possible. Whether it be in attendance at chapter meeting, volunteering on a technical committee or submitting a article to the NWPMA newsletter, whatever input each of us makes over the next year will benefit the whole association. Thank you and look forward to hearing from all of you.

Joel C.

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## Upcoming Events

### Oregon Section

Meeting to be held March 18, 1998, in Douglas County, at Roseburg, Oregon.

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| 10:00 AM | Welcome Words (Brady Hoover, Douglas County)  |
| 10:15 AM | Introductions (Group)   |
| 10:35 AM | Recap of recent events (Joel Conder, Marion County)   |
| 10:45 AM | Crack Sealing, First Line Preventive Maintenance for Cracking (Jay Manning, Cathy Talbott of A & C Repair)                              |
| 11:15 AM | CMA, An alternative Snow and Ice Control Method (Richard "Dick" Parker of T3 Consulting)  |
| 11:45 AM | Lunch   |
| 12:45 PM | Pavement Distress Rating, classroom discussion (Joel Conder, Marion County)   |
| 1:30 PM  | Pavement Distress Rating, outdoor on-site visual rating of Airport tarmac located next door to ODOT office (Joel Conder, Marion County) |
| 2:15 PM  | Update on the Statewide PMS implementation efforts (Mike Rybka, Marion County)  |
| 2:30 PM  | Questions, answers, open forum (Group, led by Richard Pike)   |
| 2:45 PM  | Announcements and adjournment (Dennis Hughes, City of Gresham)  |

This meeting will be held at the Oregon Department of Transportation Regional Offices, 3500 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Or. 97470. A map is enclosed. For those needing room reservations the following motels are recommended:

Windmill Inn 1-800-547-4747  
Best Western Garden Villa 1-800-547-3446

Please call Dennis Hughes at (503) 618-2736 for more information.

### Northwest and Puget Sound Chapters

#### May 6<sup>th</sup> 1998

City of Renton  
3555 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
10 AM - 12 Noon

Discussion Topics: This meeting will focus on Utility Trenching. Bob Goenen of Bellevue will discuss Bellevue's current Trenching policy. Also to be presented is an update on current Utility legislation in the Washington Legislature. A flyer will be sent out at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting providing directions and a complete agenda for the day.

#### June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1998

City of Kirkland  
123 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
10 AM - 12 Noon

Discussion Topics: Subject and speaker yet to be determined.

#### July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1998

City of Bainbridge Island  
692 Highway 305 NE  
10 AM - 12 Noon

Discussion Topics: Subject and speaker yet to be determined.

### Automated Data Collection Committee

#### March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1998

WSDOT South West Regional Office  
Vancouver, WA  
10 AM - 3 PM

Discussion Topics: Representatives from Iowa State University will be out in the Vancouver/Portland Area to determine sites for the Phase 2 study. This meeting will go over the criteria that the NWPMA feels is important to collect and offer a number of sites for Iowa State to look at and select for the study.

#### March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1998

WSDOT South West Regional Office  
Vancouver, WA  
10 AM - 3 PM

Discussion Topics: This meeting will review the work that representatives from Iowa State have performed over the prior week. Iowa State will recommend a number of sites for the study and ask for approval from the committee.

For information and directions to the Automated Data Collection meetings in Vancouver please contact Les Olsen of Thruston County. He can be reached at (360) 786 - 5132. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list for the Automated Data Collection Committee please request this in your conversation with Les. The Committee is currently involved in an exciting evaluation.

Updates on the activities will be addressed in the Newsletter.

## THANK YOU TO THE NWPMA

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Now that I am back to work, I have had time to collect my thoughts on being awarded the Keith Kay Memorial Award for Pavement Manager of the Year for 1997. It truly is an honor receiving this recognition and being among the well-deserved recipients of past year's awards. This award is definitely one of the highlights of my 25 years with Thurston County. Although I have only been closely involved with the NWPMA and pavement management for the past four years, I have met many great people who I am constantly learning from. It is because of these great people that I have been able to advance my knowledge, and hopefully become a more effective employee. I also want to thank my co-hort, Pat Carroll, for putting up with my occasional ignorance to patiently explain some of this pavement management stuff. Again, thank you to all my friends and associates in the NWPMA for this award. The NWPMA is recognized around the country as being leaders in pavement management, and for that, we all deserve an award! Have a great and productive 1998.

Dave Nichols  
Thurston County

## TransAid Announces a New Management System Grant Program For Washington Cities

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### Background

TransAid has been working with local agencies to develop a program that would best assist cities in implementing an Infrastructure Management System. As a result, TransAid has worked with local agencies to develop a set of criteria based on existing Washington state standards for each of three systems, safety, pavement, and roadway inventory. The criteria was based on current Washington local agency standard practices and direct local agency input. This criteria was then sent to vendors through a Request for Quotation and Qualifications (RFQQ) process. Through this program TransAid has embarked on a Public/Private partnership which will provide maximum benefit for both sectors.

A RFQQ for the pavement and the roadway component of the Infrastructure System has been sent out and the software reviewed and certified. (The Safety Management System criteria will be sent to vendors later this year).

Included in this article is a list of pavement and roadway inventory software that are currently certified along with their current prices. This listing will be continuously updated as additional software is certified. As the list is modified you can find the updated list on TransAid's Internet homepage at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/TA/Mgt.Systems/pave.htm>

or on request by phoning Paul Sachs at (360) 705-7352.

### Grant Program Procedure

The purpose of the program is to:

1. honor our commitment to our PaveSmart users to replace PaveSmart
2. encourage cities to upgrade from a paper-and-pencil to a computer system
3. encourage cities not using management systems to get started
4. encourage cities to replace systems not based on the "Washington method".

Through the grant program TransAid is offering a 50% match up to a limit of \$1,000 for the purchase of a PMS.

TransAid is also offering a 50% match up to \$500 for the Roadway inventory. A similar match to \$500 will be available in the future for software that meets safety management system criteria currently being developed.

If your city is interested in participating in the grant program you should go through your normal purchasing procedures and select one of the certified software programs listed for pavements or roadway inventory. After your purchase, you will have to submit a copy of your purchase order to TransAid along with the 2 forms that are available from Paul Sachs at TransAid.

Paul is administering the grant program. Please contact him if you would like additional information on the software certification criteria or if you have any questions on the grant procedures themselves at (360) 705-7352.

TransAid fully supports the use of management systems and is very excited to offer this new grant program to support cities in using management systems in the future.

### Certified Pavement Management Software

(In Alphabetical Order by Firm Name)

Decision Support System, version 2.12

ERES Consultants, Inc.  
505 W. University Avenue  
Champaign, IL 61820 - 3915  
Phone Number (888) 367 - 3737

Contact Name: Toby L. Crow  
World Wide Web Site <http://www.eresnet.com/>  
Cost: \$800.00

Centerline PMS, version 6.0

Measurement Research Corporation  
4126 4th Street NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335  
Phone Number (253) 851 - 3200  
Contact Name: Derald Christensen  
World Wide Web Site <http://www.halcyon.com/d3200mrc/>  
Cost: \$2,000.00

PMS Pro, version 6.0

Pavement Engineers, Inc.  
15226 12th Drive S.E.  
Mill Creek, WA 98012 - 3082  
Phone Number (425) 337 - 5222  
Contact Name: Didrik Voss  
World Wide Web Site :<http://www.pvmtengr.com/>  
Cost: \$1,000.00

### **Certified Roadway Inventory Software** (In Alphabetical Order by Firm Name)

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### **WANTED: Email Addresses**

Attention all NWPMA members!!! How would you like to receive the NWPMA Newsletter the same day in which it was created? We are currently putting together an

address list for those of you who would like to receive their copy of the newsletter by email.

Benefits to the recipient:

- receives the newsletter the same day it is created
- view the newsletter in color (when color images are present)
- create original hard copies if necessary
- forward the email to other staff
- receive quicker response back to on an item (e.g., Spring and Fall quarterly's)

Also, by using email we will decrease our reproduction and mailing costs for the newsletter.

For those of you who would like to take advantage of these benefits, please email Paul Sachs [sachsp@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:sachsp@wsdot.wa.gov), or John Romero [romeroj@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:romeroj@wsdot.wa.gov) to have your email address added to this list.

### **Topics & articles needed for the Newsletter**

We are always looking for ideas of what you would like to see in the Newsletter. If you have a pavement management experience that you would like to highlight to the rest of the NWPMA, please call us and we will discuss how we can adjust it to fit in the Newsletter. In particular, we would like to showcase how local agencies are using pavement management to improve their day to day practices. These type of articles act as catalysts for other local agencies as they offer ideas that may not have been thought of.

Also, if there are topics of interest that relate to pavement management that you would like to see within the Newsletter, let us know. We would like to see the Newsletter adapt to the needs of the NWPMA.

If you are interested in writing an article or have an idea for an article or additional topics please call Paul Sachs at (360) 705-7352.

#### **NORTHWEST PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER POLICY**

In an effort to communicate and advance the goals of the Northwest Pavement Management Association (NWPMA), a newsletter shall be published on a regular basis for distribution to the membership. The newsletter shall act as an open forum to communicate and exchange information consistent with the NWPMA goals within the following general policy guidelines:

##### Articles

Any article of interest to the membership may be printed. Articles should generally pertain to the construction, reconstruction and/or maintenance of pavements or the activities of the NWPMA. All members are encouraged to submit news articles for publication.

#### Advertising

No advertising by vendors or consultants will be allowed. Vendors and consultants will be listed in the Calendar of Events portion of the newsletter.

Any special circumstances requiring consideration of an exception to the above guidelines will be discussed on a case-by-case basis between the editor and the NWPMA chair.

This policy was adopted on December 10, 1996.